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## Working Group: Sociocultural Issues

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**Context:** The DataONE project succeeds in part by inspiring innovations in the data practices of scientists and other stakeholders to ensure preservation and access to multi-scale, multi-discipline and multi-national environmental science data. The continued success of this project will require thinking and visualization of the sociocultural aspects of data management, data use, data sharing and preservation from large-scale, long-term perspectives.

**Mission:** The Sociocultural Issues Working Group will research the social and cultural context of the scientific data lifecycle to devise strategies that maximize the impact of DataONE. The group will engage in identifying, assessing and developing models, frameworks, definitions and theories from large-scale, long-term perspectives and will inform the efforts of DataONE from a set of diverse perspectives: sociocultural, international and interdisciplinary.

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### Major Activities, Accomplishments and Deliverables: (3-5 bullets)

- Major activity
    - Constituted and assembled the working group for a face-to-face meeting.
  - Major accomplishment
    - Completed and approved the working group charter
    - Charted the course of the working group into year 3, with specific deliverables planned
    - Began calendaring for monthly conference calls; next face-to-face meeting planned
  - Products
    - Sociocultural Issues Working Group Charter
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